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**Curriculum Vitae**

**Education**

Ph.D. in History, University of Chicago, December, 1996. Defended dissertation with distinction, Sept., 1996; passed oral examinations with distinction, Oct., 1990. Dissertation: "Culture of Shortages: A Social History of Soviet Trade, 1917-1953."

M.A. in History, University of Chicago, December, 1989.

B.A., summa cum laude with distinction in History, Yale University, May, 1988.

**Academic Position**

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Oregon, 2003-present. Assistant Professor, 1996-2003. Acting Assistant Professor, 1995-96. Teaching responsibilities include the undergraduate survey on 20th-century Russia, participation in introductory sequences, and upper-level undergraduate/graduate courses on various topics in Soviet, eastern European, and general 20th-century European history.

Director, Russian and East European Studies Center (REESC), University of Oregon, 2004-present. Associate Director, 2000-2003.

**Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

2007-8 Brush Fellow, UO History Department  
2003-4 Endeavour Fellow, UO History Department  
Summer, 2003 UO Summer Research Award  
2001-2 Endeavour Fellow, UO History Department  
2000-1 Brush Fellow, UO History Department  
Summer, 2000 International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) short-term grant  
1999-2000 Mellon Fellow, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study  
1999 University of Oregon junior faculty development grant  
Summer, 1998 IREX short-term grant  
Winter, 1998 Research fellow, Oregon Humanities Center  
Fall, 1997 Research scholar, Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies  
Summer, 1997 University of Oregon new faculty research fellowship  
1994-5 Social Sciences Research Council dissertation fellowship  
1993-4 Mellon dissertation fellowship  
1992-3 Fulbright-Hays Scholar; IREX Scholar  
1991-2 MacArthur Summer Travel Fellow; University of Chicago Moscow exchange  
1988 Mellon Fellow in the Humanities; Century Fellow (University of Chicago)  
1986 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa (junior year)  
1984 Presidential Scholar

**Book**

*A Social History of Soviet Trade: Trade Policy, Retail Practice, and Consumption, 1917-1953.* Princeton University Press, 2004.

**Book in progress**

*Europe in the Twentieth Century*, fifth edition, with co-author Robert O. Paxton (sole author of the first four editions). Cengage, forthcoming.

**Articles**

"Death of an African Student in Moscow: Race, Politics, and the Cold War." *Cahiers du monde russe*, 47,1 (Jan.- June, 2006): 33-63.

"Postwar Normalisation and its Limits in the USSR: The Case of Trade," *Europe-Asia Studies* 53:3 (May, 2001): 445-71.

"A Postwar Perestroika? Toward a History of Private Enterprise in the USSR," *Slavic*

*Review* 57:3 (Fall, 1998): 516-42.

"Cultured Trade: The Stalinist Turn Toward Consumerism," in *New Perspectives on Stalinism: A Reader*, ed. Sheila Fitzpatrick (Routledge, 1999), 182-209.

#### Reviews and other minor publications

Review of Kate Transchel, *Under the Influence: Working-class Drinking, Temperance, and Cultural Revolution in Russia, 1895-1932* (University of Pittsburgh, 2006), *International Labor and Working Class History* (forthcoming).

Review of Jukka Gronow, *Caviar with Champagne: Common Luxury and Ideals of the Good Life in Stalin's Russia* (Berg, 2003), *Slavic Review*, vol. 64, no. 4 (winter, 2005): 910.

Review of Donald Filtzer, *Soviet Workers and Late Stalinism: Labour and the Restoration of the Stalinist System after World War II* (Cambridge, 2002), *Canadian Journal of History*, vol. 39, no. 2 (Aug., 2004): 385-6.

Review of Tamara Kondratieva, *Gouverner et Nourrir: du pouvoir en Russie, XVI - XXme siècles* (Paris, 2003), *Journal of Modern History* 77, 4 (December, 2005), 1166-7.

Review of Catriona Kelly, *Refining Russia: Advice Literature, Polite Culture, and Gender from Catherine to Yeltsin* (Oxford, 2001), *Journal of Modern History* 75, 4 (December, 2003): 1007-8.

Review of Alena V. Ledeneva, *Russia's Economy of Favours: Blat, Networking and Informal Exchange* (Cambridge, 1998), *Journal of Modern History*, 72, 2 (June, 2000): 581-3.

Review of Elena Osokina, *Za fasadom "stalinskogo izobiliia": Raspredelenie i rynek v snabzhenii naseleniia v gody industrializatsii, 1927-1941* (Moscow, 1998), *Russian Review*, 59, 1 (January, 2000): 146-7.

Entries on "black market" and "GUM" for the *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Russian History* (Macmillan, 2004).

#### Conference papers and presentations

Roundtable panelist on "Sheila Fitzpatrick and Soviet History: A Retrospective," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) annual conference, New Orleans, November 15-18, 2007.

Invited lecturer at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris), March 2004.

"Patrice Lumumba University of the Friendship of the Peoples: Crucible of Racial Conflict or Solidarity?" Paper presented at the AAASS annual conference, Toronto, Nov. 20-23, 2003.

Invited participant, Davis Center project on Nazism and Stalinism, Harvard University, May 3-5, 2002; May 2-4, 2003.

"Reading Moshe Lewin: Dynamics of Change in the Stalin Era," invited paper presented at the European University Institute's conference "Reappraising the Stalin Era," Florence, Italy, October 30-31, 2002.

"The Birth of a Consumer Society: Consumption and Class in the USSR, 1917-1953," invited paper presented at Harvard University, February 22, 2002.

Invited participant, University of Chicago conference on "Communism and the Gift," September 27-8, 2001.

"Soviet Consumption and Consumerism: A Long View," paper presented at the AAASS annual conference, Denver, November 9-12, 2000.

"Postwar Normalization and its Limits in the USSR: The Case of Trade," invited paper presented at the University of Chicago symposium "Stalin's Last Decade, 1943-1953," March 3-5, 2000; also presented at the Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung conference "Historicizing Everyday Life Under Communism: The USSR and the GDR," Potsdam, June 8-10, 2000.

"The Social Politics of Queues: Two Episodes from Stalin's Russia," invited paper presented at the University of Texas symposium "Markets and Culture," October 29-31, 1998; also presented at Oregon State University, May 5, 1999.

"Survivalism, Socialism, and Shifting Boundaries of Economic Crime," paper presented at the AAASS annual conference, Seattle, November 20-23, 1997.

“Anecdotal Evidence: Trade, Goods, and Daily Life through the Prism of Soviet Court Cases,” paper presented at Yale University conference “Assessing the New Soviet Sources,” May 15-17, 1997.

“Soviet War Stories: The Wartime Black Market in Comparative Perspective,” paper presented at the AAASS annual conference, Boston, November 14-17, 1996.

“The Informal Economy and the Stalinist State,” paper presented to the Oregon Humanities Center, University of Oregon, October 25, 1996; revised versions presented to the History Departments of Harvard University (November 13, 1996) and University of Pennsylvania (February 17, 1997).

“The Social Meaning of Queues,” invited paper presented at the Sixth Meeting of the Séminaire d’Histoire Russe et Soviétique on “New Directions in Research on the 1930s,” Paris, May 23-5, 1996.

“Shady Deals: Images of Trade in Bolshevik Russia,” paper presented at the AAASS annual conference, Washington, D.C., October 26-29, 1995.

“Hawking: Chaos and Control in the Soviet Black Market,” paper presented at the AAASS annual conference, Philadelphia, November 17-20, 1994.

“Soviet Bazaars and the Politics of Value,” chapter draft presented to the Midwest Russian History Colloquium, Toronto, September 30 - October 1, 1994.

“Открытое и скрытое потребление товаров в 1930е гг.,” [“Overt and Covert Consumption in the 1930s”], invited paper presented in Russian at the conference “Russian Everyday Life and Subjectivity, 1921-1941,” St. Petersburg, August 16-19, 1994.

“Trade, Consumption, and Stalinist Political Culture,” paper presented to the Midwest Russian History Colloquium, Chicago, October 14-15, 1992.

Commentaries on AAASS panels, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2007.

#### **Other professional experience and university service**

Co-organized (with Thomas Lindenberger) a comparative conference on the theme, “Historicizing Everyday Life under Communism: The USSR and the GDR,” held in Potsdam, Germany, June 8-10, 2000. Co-organized 1991 Mellon Fellows’ Conference on Scholarship and Society, a three-day conference with 250 participants. Member of the American Historical Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, and the Association for Women in Slavic Studies.

Recent and current committee memberships:

University Library Committee, 2005-7; Library Research Awards Committee, 2007.  
Committee on Committees, 2004-6  
History Department Advisory Committee, 2005-6, 2007-8  
History Department African History search committee chair, 2007-8  
History Department Travel Committee, 2004-5  
History Department Speakers & Events Committee chair, 2005-6  
History Department Undergraduate Committee, 2006-7  
History Department Post-tenure Review Committee, 2005-6  
Tenure & Promotion committees: Jenifer Presto (chair, 2005-6), Lisa Wolverton (2005-6), Katya Hokanson (2006-7).

Phi Beta Kappa Alpha Chapter President, 2006-2008; Vice president, 2004-6.

Service to the profession:

Manuscript reviews for Cornell University Press (Tomoff - 2005-6), *Russian Review*, *Business History*, *Slavic Review*, *Journal of Modern History*  
Tenure & Promotion reviews for Kiril Tomoff (University of California, Riverside), Matthew Lenoë (Rochester University)

Recent graduate training:

Ph.D. candidates advised: Alexander Kashirin (History, underway)  
Served on dissertation committees: Jennifer Duncan (History, 2006), Cari Vanderkar (Anthropology), Kyle Evered (Geography)  
M.A. theses advised: Laura Brandt (REES, 2007), Konstantin Avramov (REES, 2006), Alexander Kashirin (REES, 2005), Julia Earnest (REES, 2004)